

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of John Crawford S8256

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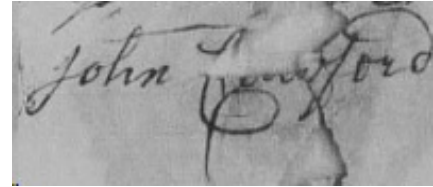
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For the purpose of obtaining the benefit of an act, entitled “an act for the relief of certain surviving officers and soldiers of of the army of the Revolution,” approved on the 15th day of May 1828, I John Crawford of the Town of Petersburg, in the County of Dinwiddie, and state of Virginia, do hereby certify and declare, That I was an officer in the Continental line of the army of the Revolution and served as such to the end of the war, at which period I was a Lieutenant in the Second Virginia regiment of the Continental line.

And I also declare, that I afterwards received certificates (commonly called commutation certificates) for a sum equal to the amount of five years full pay; which sum was offered by the resolve of Congress, of the 22nd of March 1783 instead of half pay for life, to which I was entitled under the resolve of the 21st of october 1780. And I further declare, that I have received of the United States nothing as a pension, having never been on that list.

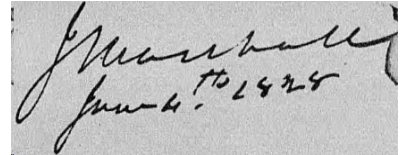
Witness my hand and seal this day of June the 21st in the year 1828.

[signed] John Crawford

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John Crawford". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background.

I was very well acquainted with Mr. John Crawford during the revolutionary war. He was a subaltern in one of the Virginia regiments on continental establishment, and was more than once on detachment with me. The last time I saw him was at Chesterfield court house in Virginia in February 1781 when officers were arranged to command a detachment which marched from that place to join the southern army [<http://revwarapps.org/b160.pdf>]. I believe that Lieutenant Crawford was arranged to march with this detachment and that he did march with it. But as I resigned before the detachment marched I cannot speak from my own knowledge to this fact

J Marshall [John Marshall, Chief Justice of the US Supreme Court; pension application S5731.]

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "J Marshall". Below the signature, the date "June 4. 1828" is written in a smaller hand.

Petersburg June 11th 1828. I, James Snellings [S38393], of the County of Chesterfield, and state of Virginia do hereby certify, that when I joined that portion of the army stationed at Chesterfield Court House, under the command of Col'n. Davis [sic: William Davies BLWt597-500], that I there found in August 1780, the present applicant, John Crawford, acting in command as a Captain, though he held a Commission only for Lieutenantcy. That we marched from said Court House, about the 1st of March 1781 in a detachment commanded by Col'n. Richard Campbell [BLWt347-450], to join the army of the South, at High Rock ford [in North Carolina], under the command of General [Nathanael] Greene. That we from thence marched to Guilford. That the said John Crawford, held his same rank. That I was there taken prisoner. That the said John Crawford, continued on with the army, and was present at the Battles of Camden [Battle of Hobkirk Hill near Camden SC, 25 Apr 1781], the Seige of '96 [Siege of Ninety Six SC, 22 May - 19 Jun 1781], and at the Eautaw Springs [sic: Eutaw Springs SC, 8 Sep 1781] – as I was informed, and believe. That upon my liberation from Guilford, I immediately joined the army again at the High Hills of Santee, S.C. That I there found the said John Crawford, acting in Commission as before That the army from thence marched across the Congaree River and continued in that neighborhood for some time scouting upon the several Rivers untill we were ordered on to Salisbury N.C. where I, together with the other eighteen months recruits, were discharged by the said Lieutenant John Crawford, acting as

Captain, some time in January or February 1782 That after my discharge, I left for my home, leaving John Crawford in the South with the army. That these facts are fresh in my memory, and I hereby state them in evidence upon oath.

Though my time expired for which I recruited, in December 1781 yet we were not discharged untill some time in 1782.
James hisXmark Snellings

[The following are from [bounty-land records in the Library of Virginia](#) in three different files assumed to pertain to the same soldier.]

I certify that from the best information I can obtain Lieutenant John Crawford was appointed quartermaster in the Virginia line, the 26th day of October 1780 and continued to act as such till the first of January '82.

March 12, '83.

William Davies Col.

[note in different handwriting] q'r. master to Campbell's Batt'n.

[The left part of the following is missing where indicated by *.]

[*]tify that Lieutenant John Crawford [*] been as officer in the Virginia [*]tinental line ever since May 4 [*]

[*]rch 12 1783. [most of signature missing from image]

I do hereby Certify that Lieut John Crawford of the Virginia Continental Line entered into the said line in the month of August 1775 and continued in Actual Service till the year 1783.

[undeciphered] 20 1784 M Carrington Cap'n 5th V Reg. [Mayo Carrington VAS596]

[*] certify that John Crawford entered the [*]ce of the United States in the second Vir[*] Regiment on Continental Establishment [*] the command of Colo. Wm Woodford [William Woodford] [*] year one thousand seven hundred [*] seventy five, and thereafter was promo[*] the Rank of Lieutenant in which [*]k he continued to the end of the late [*] with Great Britain. Given under [*] hand this 13th day of april 1807

Peter F'd Archer [Peter Field Archer BLWt300-200]
late Lutennant in 2th Virg'a Reg't



I do Certify that the above Certificate [*]pecting Lieut. Crawford is correct.

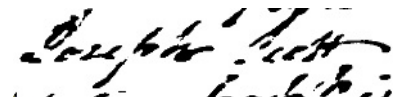
13 Apr. 1807

W. Bentley Cap 5 V.R. [?] [William Bentley S37745]



[*] do hereby certify that the first and second [*]ginia Regiments were raised early in [*] fall of the year 1775. I believe nearly [*] whole of the Troops belonging to the said [*]giments were in the Camp at Williamsburg [*] the month of september in the above [*]ntioned year. Given under my hand this [*] April 1807. Joseph Scott [Joseph Scott VAS2112]

late a Capt in the first Virginia Reg't.



John Crawford has drawn 2666 $\frac{2}{3}$ acres and 444 acres for his 7th years service.

Wm Price Regr/ Ap'1 16 1807

NOTES:

The federal pension file also includes a copy of Crawford's payroll account.

The Executor of Crawford's estate, John Rowlett, certified that Crawford died in Petersburg on 3 March 1833 leaving no widow or child. Rowlett applied for an increase in the pension for the following reason: "The said John Rowlett further states that he has been informed, the said John Crawford was a Quarter Master in the Regiment to which he belonged and served for more than two years as such, as well as a Lieutenant."